

ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES

"...teaching them to observe all things..." Matt. 28:20

DATE: December 29, 2005
RE: PETITION FOR EXEMPTION
FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS

To the Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary:

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Please be advised that the enclosed PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS is as per request from the FCC through our television production managers.

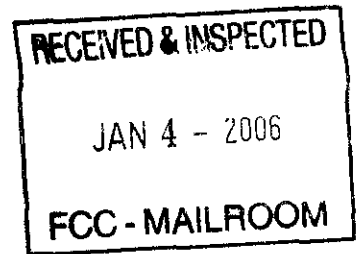
We thank you in advance for your careful, immediate attention to this matter.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony Strawder".

Anthony Strawder, President /Pastor
Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible Church

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

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Anthony Strawder Ministries AKA Epignosis Bible Church is located at 645 Hwy 80 East in Monroe, Louisiana. We are a non-profit religious organization (501-3- C) whose mission is to teach faith in God according to scripture principles on every area of living " Teaching them to observe all things..." Matt. 28:20 according to what is literally written in the bible. We hold worship services, prayer meeting, teaching meetings, healing campaigns, faith seminars, bible school and television broadcast.

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The "Hear and Be Healed" broadcast title is taken from the bible in St. Luke 6:17. It is a teaching program designed to instruct the people in God's word on the subject of faith and healing and how to appropriate these provision today. . The Church is able to amplify its outreach to the community as the broadcast emphasizes the use of bible principles in everyday life, with family on the job, in the community encouraging a morality that helps respect all people.

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The "Hear and Be Healed Broadcast" is a thirty (30) minute show. It opens with an introduction and welcome for the host; then a song from the co-host after that a 25 minute teaching. The "Hear and Be Healed" program airs nine (9) times a week on five(5) stations.

Cable One Natchez, MS - 7am Sunday
KMCT-lambTV-39 - 7:30am Sunday
KAQY-ABC-TV-11 - 9 am Sunday
Cable One Natchez, MS - 5 pm Sunday
KEJB - UPN - TV43 - 6 pm Sunday
KMSS - FOX - 33 - 6:30 am Wednesday
KEJB - UPN - TV43 - 7am Wednesday
Cable One - Natchez, MS - 11 pm Wednesday
KMCT - Lamb TV39 - 3 am Thursday

This show is produced in the studio of Lamb Broadcasting by Mike Reed(President of Lamb Broadcasting) and Mandy Martin. The purpose of the broadcast "Hear and Be Healed" comes the Bible scripture Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" to bring the knowledge of the Bible, the word of God to the audience.

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For the reasons set forth below,

by

Anthony Strawder Ministries/ Epignosis Bible Church

hereby requests an undue burden exemption from the closed captioning rules for "Hear and Be Healed" pursuant to § 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules.

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I have no such information on the nature and cost of closed caption.

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The impact on the operation of Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible Church would be devastating to our budget. It currently cost \$4,200 per month airtime and \$500 for production of the "Hear and Be Healed " program not counting mail-outs. This price would quadruple production time to produce the film and that would be way over our ability to pay.

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The Financial Resources of Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis are currently behind with a balance of \$12,000 combined with all five stations. The actual cost of closed caption would hurt the basic operation of the church and threaten its existence. We recently occupy a \$350,000 building on five and a half acres in August 2005. The up keep, service transfers and connections, deposits, cosmetic repairs, heating and air repairs and cleaning fees has drained our cash flow. An increase in pay for closed caption would definitely be an undue burden and cripple our operation.

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As shown by this Petition and its attachments, the Commission should in Conclusion grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed captioning would create an undue burden. The costs of captioning would be excessively high and would have a significant negative impact on Petitioner's operations. The Petitioner's type of operations and financial resources are different in kind and magnitude from the general commercial programming provider. Because of the significant difficulty and expense of providing closed captions, a waiver under § 79.1(f) is warranted. If more information is needed, please contact us at the address provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible Church

By:

Anthony Strawder, President/ Pastor

Address: P.O. Box 7515 Monroe, LA 71211

Phone: 318-342-9933

Fax: 318-342-9983

Dated: 12/29/05 certified return

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Declaration:

I, Anthony Strawder,

President and Pastor of Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible church

I have reviewed the Petition for Exemption for
Closed Captioning Requirements filed on behalf of

Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible Church

in this matter, and I hereby
declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements regarding our organization
and

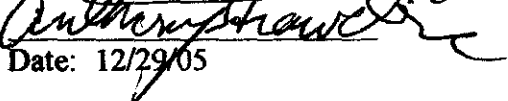
"Hear and Be Healed"

are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Anthony Strawder, President/Pastor

of

Anthony Strawder Ministries/Epignosis Bible Church Board Member


Date: 12/29/05

ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS

- 1. Tax-exempt certificate**
- 2. Employee identification numbers**
- 3. Balance Sheets First Quarter 2005**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Jox McKeithen

SECRETARY OF STATE

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that
a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of

ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES, INC.

Domiciled at Newellton, Louisiana, Parish of Tensas,

A corporation organized under the provisions of R.S. 1950,
Title 12, Chapter 2, as amended,

By Act executed on May 25, 1996, and acknowledged on May 25,
1996,

Was filed and recorded in this Office on June 6, 1996, the
date when corporate existence began, and filed in the Record
of Non-Profit Corporations Book 345,

And all fees having been paid as required by law, the
corporation is authorized to transact business in this
State, subject to the restrictions imposed by law, including
the provisions of R. S. 1950, Title 12, Chapter 2, as
amended.

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Seal of my Office
to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,*

June 6, 1996

Jox McKeithen

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Secretary of State



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: SEP 30 1997

ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES INC
PO BOX 7515
MONROE, LA 71211

Employer Identification Number:
72-1327087
DLN:
17053241185007
Contact Person:
D. A. DOWNING
Contact Telephone Number:
(513) 241-5199
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Foundation Status Classification:
509(a)(1)
Advance Ruling Period Begins:
June 6, 1996
Advance Ruling Period Ends:
December 31, 2000
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
MEMPHIS TN 37501

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: CP 575 E
NUMBER OF THIS NOTICE: CP 575 E
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 72-1327087
FORM: SS-4
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FOR ASSISTANCE CALL US AT:
1-800-829-1040

ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES INC
% ANTHONY STRAWDER
PO BOX 1075
NEWELLTON LA 71357

OR WRITE TO THE ADDRESS
SHOWN AT THE TOP LEFT.

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)

Thank you for your Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 72-1327087. This EIN will identify your business account, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Use your complete name and EIN shown above on all federal tax forms, payments, and related correspondence. If you use any variation in your name or EIN, it may cause a delay in processing, incorrect information in your account, or cause you to be assigned more than one EIN.

If you want to receive a ruling or a determination letter recognizing your organization as tax exempt, you should file Form 1023/1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, with your IRS Key District office. Publication 557, Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization, is available at most IRS offices and has details on how you can apply.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep this part for your records.

CP 575 E (Rev. 1-

TERRY E. MOSLEY, CPA, INC.
WALNUT CREEK EXECUTIVE CENTER
8252 SOUTH HARVARD, SUITE 155
TULSA, OK 74137

AUGUST 2, 2005

REVEREND ANTHONY STRAWDER
ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES
P O BOX 7515
MONROE LA 71211-7515

WE HAVE COMPILED THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE-CASH BASIS OF ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES AS OF MARCH 31, 2005, THE RELATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES-CASH BASIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005 AND THE COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES-CASH BASIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED ON THE CASH BASIS WHICH IS A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING OTHER THAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

A COMPILATION IS LIMITED TO PRESENTING IN THE FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INFORMATION THAT IS THE REPRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT. WE HAVE NOT AUDITED OR REVIEWED THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND, ACCORDINGLY, DO NOT EXPRESS AN OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON THEM.

SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DISCLOSURES ORDINARILY INCLUDED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN OMITTED. IF THE OMITTED DISCLOSURES WERE INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THEY MIGHT INFLUENCE THE USER'S CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. ACCORDINGLY, THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT INFORMED ABOUT SUCH MATTERS.

Terry Mosley, CPA, Inc.
TERRY E. MOSLEY, CPA, INC.

ANTHONY STRAUDER MINISTRIES
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

		Current Quarter			Year to Date		
		Actual	Last Year	LY-Var	Actual	Last Year	LY-Var
INCOME							
601	CONTRIBUTIONS & OFFERINGS \$	31,458.59	\$ 25,123.62	\$ 6,334.97	\$ 31,458.59	\$ 25,123.62	\$ 6,334.97
603	BUILDING FUND		1,605.73	(1,605.73)		1,605.73	(1,605.73)
608	INTEREST INCOME	4.47	2.67	1.80	4.47	2.67	1.80
610	BIBLE SCHOOL		897.00	(897.00)		897.00	(897.00)
640	REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	3.25		3.25	3.25		3.25
* TOTAL INCOME		31,466.31	27,629.02	3,837.29	31,466.31	27,629.02	3,837.29
COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD							
705	PURCHASES - BOOKS & TAPES	114.85		(114.85)	114.85		(114.85)
* TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTS SO		114.85	0.00	(114.85)	114.85	0.00	(114.85)
EXPENSES							
801	ADVERTISING EXPENSE		149.36	149.36		149.36	149.36
804	AUTO AND TRUCK	467.84	369.19	(98.65)	467.84	369.19	(98.65)
808	BANK CHARGES	143.70	242.13	98.43	143.70	242.13	98.43
815	CONTRACT SERVICES		50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00
816	DONATIONS - MINISTRIES	575.00	355.00	(220.00)	575.00	355.00	(220.00)
817	DONATIONS - MISSIONARIES		259.00	259.00		259.00	259.00
819	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	942.82	488.77	(454.05)	942.82	488.77	(454.05)
824	ENTERTAINMENT	35.77		(35.77)	35.77		(35.77)
830	FLOWERS & GIFTS		211.24	211.24		211.24	211.24
832	GUEST EXPENSES	38.42		(38.42)	38.42		(38.42)
835	HONORARIUMS		1,225.00	1,225.00		1,225.00	1,225.00
836	HOUSING ALLOWANCE	3,650.00	3,750.00	100.00	3,650.00	3,750.00	100.00
840	INSURANCE EXPENSE	194.50		(194.50)	194.50		(194.50)
844	LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING	300.00	225.00	(75.00)	300.00	225.00	(75.00)
848	MEALS & FELLOWSHIPS	278.62	342.31	63.69	278.62	342.31	63.69
850	NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	213.49		(213.49)	213.49		(213.49)
851	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.12	144.44	13.32	131.12	144.44	13.32
852	OPERATING SUPPLIES		8.91	8.91		8.91	8.91
855	POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	317.40	528.32	210.92	317.40	528.32	210.92
856	PRINTING	387.90	113.05	(274.85)	387.90	113.05	(274.85)
858	PUR-BOOK/TAPE(NON-RESALE)		65.72	65.72		65.72	65.72
860	TELEVISION EXPENSE	6,240.00	4,500.00	(1,740.00)	6,240.00	4,500.00	(1,740.00)
862	RENTAL AND LEASE	2,883.00	2,813.00	(70.00)	2,883.00	2,813.00	(70.00)
865	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	42.93	74.64	31.71	42.93	74.64	31.71
866	SALARIES AND WAGES	4,380.00	3,125.00	(1,255.00)	4,380.00	3,125.00	(1,255.00)
874	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	405.87		(405.87)	405.87		(405.87)
880	UTILITIES EXPENSE	660.12		(660.12)	660.12		(660.12)
* TOTAL EXPENSES		22,288.50	19,040.08	(3,248.42)	22,288.50	19,040.08	(3,248.42)
* EXCESS INCOME ABOVE EXP.		\$ 9,062.96	\$ 8,588.94	\$ 474.02	\$ 9,062.96	\$ 8,588.94	\$ 474.02

SEE ATTACHED COMPILATION REPORT
PREPARED BY TERRY E. MOSLEY, CPA, INC.

ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

		— Current Quarter —		— Year to Date —	
		Actual Percent		Actual Percent	
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INCOME					
601	CONTRIBUTIONS & OFFERINGS	\$ 31,458.59	100.0	\$ 31,458.59	100.0
608	INTEREST INCOME	4.47	0.0	4.47	0.0
640	REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	3.25	0.0	3.25	0.0
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* TOTAL INCOME		31,466.31	100.0	31,466.31	100.0
COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD					
705	PURCHASES - BOOKS & TAPES	114.85	0.4	114.85	0.4
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* TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTS SO		114.85	0.4	114.85	0.4
EXPENSES					
804	AUTO AND TRUCK	467.84	1.5	467.84	1.5
808	BANK CHARGES	143.70	0.5	143.70	0.5
816	DONATIONS - MINISTRIES	575.00	1.8	575.00	1.8
819	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	942.82	3.0	942.82	3.0
824	ENTERTAINMENT	35.77	0.1	35.77	0.1
832	GUEST EXPENSES	38.42	0.1	38.42	0.1
836	HOUSING ALLOWANCE	3,650.00	11.6	3,650.00	11.6
840	INSURANCE ENPENSE	194.50	0.6	194.50	0.6
844	LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING	300.00	1.0	300.00	1.0
848	MEALS & FELLOWSHIPS	278.62	0.9	278.62	0.9
850	NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	213.49	0.7	213.49	0.7
851	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.12	0.4	131.12	0.4
855	POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	317.40	1.0	317.40	1.0
856	PRINTING	387.90	1.2	387.90	1.2
860	TELEVISION EXPENSE	6,240.00	19.8	6,240.00	19.8
862	RENTAL AND LEASE	2,883.00	9.2	2,883.00	9.2
865	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	42.93	0.1	42.93	0.1
866	SALARIES AND WAGES	4,380.00	13.9	4,380.00	13.9
874	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	405.87	1.3	405.87	1.3
880	UTILITIES EXPENSE	660.12	2.1	660.12	2.1
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* TOTAL EXPENSES		22,288.50	70.8	22,288.50	70.8
* EXCESS INCOME ABOVE EXP.		\$ 9,062.96	28.8	\$ 9,062.96	28.8

SEE ATTACHED COMPILATION REPORT
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ANTHONY STRAWDER MINISTRIES
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS
MARCH 31, 2005

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK

102	CHECKING - BUILDING FUND	\$	10,961.30
103	CHECKING - CHURCH		(10.53)
104	CHECKING - TITHING ACCT		553.90

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK	\$	11,504.67
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OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

145	INVENTORY - BOOK & TAPE	2,619.94
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TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	2,619.94
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	14,124.61
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FIXED ASSETS

209	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	20,212.45
210	MUSIC & SOUND EQUIPMENT	2,967.33
225	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(9,180.08)

NET FIXED ASSETS	13,999.70
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	28,124.31
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LIAB. AND FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE

558	FUND BALANCE	\$	19,061.35
597	EXCESS INCOME OVER EXP.		9,062.96

TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	28,124.31
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TOTAL LIAB. AND FUND BALANCE	\$	28,124.31
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